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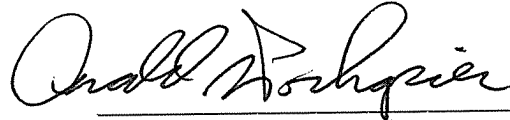
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 02/27/06 (hereinafter "the Official Action"), rejecting all claims (claims 26-34, 61 and 62) and for which a response was due 05/27/06, now extended three (3) months to 08/28/06 (08/27/06 being a Sunday), the Applicants respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

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Remarks:

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